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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PGOV, BQG

SUBJECT: ALLIED POSITION AND REACTION TO HUEBNER CASE

REF: (A) BONN 6919 (B) BONN 6944

1. THE DEPARTMENT BELIEVES THAT IN VIEW OF THE EXCHANGE  
BETWEEN THE GDR AND WEST BERLIN POLITICAL LEADERS ON THE  
HUEBNER CASE AND THE LORENZ LETTERS TO THE WESTERN ALLIES,  
A SPECIFIC ALLIED REACTION WILL BE NECESSARY. WE WOULD  
PREFER A LOW-KEY APPROACH WHICH MAKES OUR POSITION CLEAR  
BUT DOES NOT CONNECT US DIRECTLY WITH HUEBNER OR THE  
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CAMPAIGN TO WIN HIS RELEASE. THE COURSE OF ACTION  
SUGGESTED BY THE BRITISH IN THE BONN GROUP (REF A) SEEMS  
PREFERABLE TO US AND WE WOULD HOPE THAT IT COULD BE  
IMPLEMENTED IN PERHAPS SLIGHTLY ALTERED FORM SOMETIME  
LATER NEXT WEEK.

2. IF THE FRENCH REMAIN ADAMANT ABOUT A DEMARCHE, HOWEVER,

WE COULD AGREE TO A LOW-KEY STATEMENT TO THE SOVIETS IN  
BERLIN WHICH RESTATED OUR POSITION ON THE DEMILITARIZATION  
OF BERLIN AND OUR OBJECTIONS TO THE APPLICATION OF THE  
GDR CONSCRIPTION LAW TO EAST BERLIN RESIDENTS BUT WHICH  
DID NOT PROTEST MR. HUEBNER'S INCARCERATION. IN THIS CASE  
WE BELIEVE THE ALLIES SHOULD CONFIRM TO THE PRESS AFTER

THE FACT THAT WE HAVE RAISED THE QUESTION OF VIOLATIONS  
OF THE DEMILITARIZED STATUS OF BERLIN WITH THE SOVIETS,  
UNLESS THE INTEREST OF THE PRESS AND THE PUBLIC HAS  
SUBSIDED BY THE TIME THE STATEMENT IS DELIVERED. CHRISTOPHER

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